MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: There is an annual maintenance grant of Rs. 68 and that is being spent every year?

Appointment powers of District Munsiffs and Tahsildars.

236. *MR. **PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the appointment powers of the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars under the revised Government order R. O. C. No. 379/37/Acc., dated 10-5-1938; and

(*b*) the reason, if any, for such a course being adopted by Government?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the G. O. published in the Gazette dated the 24th May 1938.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I knw whether the order referred to in the answer was passed by Government as a result of certain propcsals submitted to Government by the Financial Secretary?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI. The orders were passed in pursuance of the standardisation G. O and the Public Service Recruitment Rules and in consultation with the Financial Secretary.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner or the High Court was consulted by Government before the proposals were accepted?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No such consultation was made because it was in pursuance of a definite policy that the orders were issued by Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the powers exercised by the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars respectively before this Government Order?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI That information is contained in the G. O. itself.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why the powers of the District Munsiffs and Tahsildars were taken away by the revised order?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The reason for the change has been explained in detail in the preamble to the G. O. and it was in pursuance of the Standardisation G. O. and the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the delay in the appointments of substitutes in the vacancy of clerks peons and accountants will affect the routine work of those offices?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It is expected that the appointing authorities usually dispose of such requisitions expeditiously when vacancies occur.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether such delay as may be necessitated in making the appointments will prejudicially affect the routine work of those offices?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government do not expect that avoidable delay will affect the work in those offices. No complaints have been made that such delays have occurred and have prejudiced public work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why even the High Court Judges are not given the power to appoint even their personal peons?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No Officer of Government has been authorised to appoint his personal peons. All the appointments are made according to the Public Service Recruitment Rules and on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

Appointment of Mr. S. Ramaswami in the Engineering Department.

237. **MR. K. T. THOMAS** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether at the time Mr. S. Ramaswami B. Sc. (Hon.), London, was appointed in the Engineering Department there were men with higher or equal qualifications and longer practical training in the department on a pay lower than what has been given to Mr. Ramaswami; and

(*b*) whether he has been recommended for recruitment by the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) There were men with equal, but not higher qualifications.

(*b*) No.

MR. K T. THOMAS: May I know whether the appointment was made by the Government direct?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, it was one made by the Government direct.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether for the vacancy in which the appointment was made, the Public Service Commissioner had made any recommendation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have no information on that point.

Diversion of flood water in Kuttanad.

238. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the scheme regarding the diversion of flood water in the river Pamba and the *punja* lands in Kuttanad to the Arabian sea, by making a proper outlet at Purakkad, was submitted to them:

(*b*) the date on which the desirability of making such an outlet has been confirmed by them and the subsequent actions, if any, taken in the matter; and

(*c*) the important recommendations contained in the scheme submitted to them?

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